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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possibly material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists.

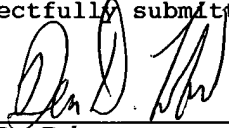
The comments contained in this Information Disclosure Statement are believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference to the invention claimed in the present application. 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a). These comments, however, are not intended to take the place of the Examiner's complete consideration of each listed reference.

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U.S. Patent No. 4,800,882, to Gianturco discloses a wire stent for insertion and expansion into a passageway, which stent is comprised of a plurality of curved sections that are formed into a generally circular configuration. Adjacent curved sections are joined by a bend or cusp, so that a series of alternating opposing loops are formed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,969,458, to Wiktor discloses an intracoronary stent comprised of a wire that is coiled having a limited number of turns wound in one direction, then reversed and wound in the opposited direction with the same number of turns, then reversed again and so on until a desired length of stent is obtained.

Respectfully submitted,



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